

Amendments to the Specification

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Please replace paragraph 31 on page 5 with the following:

The duct wall 108 is initially bent inwards, that is, towards what will eventually become the interior 109 (as shown in Figure 4) of the finished duct, to form the first fold 110 of the hemmed ridge 104. The first fold 110 is then bent back upon itself in a non-parallel manner to form a second fold 112 of the hemmed ridge 104. The plane of the second fold 112 is then broken in the area adjacent the break point 114 of the first fold 110, to form a third fold 116 which extends a predetermined distance substantially parallel to, and in close association with, the plane of the duct wall 108.

Pages 7 & 8

Please replace paragraph 40 on pages 7 and 8 with the following:

Figure 4 illustrates the condition of the fastseam 100 after the male portion 124 has been hand-inserted into the female groove 106. As shown in Figure 4, it is another important aspect of the present invention that once the male portion 124 is located in the female groove 106 and the walls of the rectangular duct 111 are relaxed with respect to one another, back to their original square condition, that the configuration of the fastseam 100 prevents the disengagement of the male portion 124, even when the sealing portion 120 has not yet been completely bent over to complete the sealing process.